

# City Official Files \$150,000 Slander, Libel Suit

## 'Victory is Ours,' Claim Both Demos, GOP



**MENU SAMPLERS . . .** Chief Bob Plomert, general chairman of the Good Neighbor Breakfast this Saturday morning, whips up a sample batch of hot cakes for Elaine Rehwolt, "Miss Good Neighbor" and Neil Schwab, president of the YMCA's Hi-Y Club. Planners of the affair expect 2,000 persons to attend the Y-sponsored event. (Herald photo).

### Chefs Ready to Feed 2000 Good Neighbors

If all the pancakes which will be griddled for the Good Neighbor Breakfast next Saturday morning were piled one upon another, they would make a pretty good-sized stack of hot cakes—125 feet high to be exact—almost.

Such is the claim of R. L. Plomert Jr., general chairman of the YMCA-sponsored civic event.

This year menu planners are prepared to serve 2000 persons their breakfast between 8:30 and 11 a.m. in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

**TWO-FOLD PURPOSE**  
"Purpose of the get-together," Plomert said, "is two-fold. First, it promotes and encourages understanding and good will among neighbors, and second, the youth of Torrance benefits from funds derived from the sale of tickets to the affair."

On the menu for Saturday's four-and-one-half hour breakfast are three hot cakes, baked with Spicy Pancake Mix; Pletsweet orange juice; Felger's coffee; Vermont Maid syrup and sausage.

Single-rip meal tickets, each

good for one breakfast, may be purchased from members of the local service clubs or at the door. Price is 50 cents.

Serving as official hostess will be Elaine Rehwolt, popular Torrance High School co-ed, who was named "Miss Good Neighbor" by the Hi-Y Club. Assistant her will be two co-hostesses, Marian McDonald and Betty Klem.

#### Y-CLUBS TO HELP

Helping with the serving will be members of the Tri-Hi-Y Club, headed by Barbara Zachary; the Hi-Y Club led by Neil Schwab; and the Freshman Hi-Y Club under Darl Mead.

Aiding in the planning for the past several months were members of the committee serving with chairman Plomert. They are Paul Diamond, Bill Eatterson, Bob Beckham, W. E. Bowen, Dr. Rollin Smith, John K. Steinbaugh, and A. C. Turner.

To make the early morning guests feel welcome a corps of greeters including Bill Evans, Bernard Lee, and Jack Baldwin will be on hand.



**GOVERNOR WARREN**  
... Will He Go Back?

In spite of local Democrats outnumbering local Republicans more than two-to-one, both campaign camps expressed confidence this week that their respective candidates would be victorious at the polls next Tuesday.

In the primaries last June, Governor Warren polled a total 2833 votes against Roosevelt's 2181.

A total of 10,015 persons have been registered in Torrance and are eligible to vote at the statewide election on November 7, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. This is a record registration.

#### NO LOCAL ISSUES

Although Tuesday's ballot contains some "hot" issues, no municipal issues affecting only the City of Torrance will be found on the ballot. The \$2,000,000 pro-

posed water bond and the realignment of the confusing Redondo Beach-Torrance boundary line in Hollywood Riviera will be voted on at a special election in the near future.

Aside from the race for the governorship between Democratic Jimmy Roosevelt and Republican Earl Warren, the two "hottest" issues facing local voters are Propositions No. 1 and 6.

#### KNOT PURSE STRINGS

School officials and city officials have literally tied their purse strings into knots awaiting the outcome of Proposition No. 1. Should the measure (which would exempt all personal property from taxation) pass, the Torrance Unified School District will face a loss of \$339,876 in revenue this year. The City of Torrance would lose \$150,000. If the measure is voted-in, the city

will take immediate steps to replace the money through increased business licenses and/or increased sales tax.

The school district would not be able to replace the loss in revenue this year, according to Dr. J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools. The district would be faced with discontinuing school bus service, halting the issuance of new books, and similar curtailments.

#### TAX HIKE PROPOSED

City Manager George W. Stevens has recommended to the City Council that should Proposition No. 1 pass, the city double the business license and increase the sales tax from one-half of one percent to one and one-half per cent, or do nothing to the business license but hike the sales tax to two and one-half



**JIMMY ROOSEVELT**  
... Sacramento Bound?

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### Sidewalk Action

# Council Rapped For Turnabout



**NICE PLAYGROUND . . .** Twenty-month old Cynthia Lynette Pace pokes a stick into the 'caved-in' cesspool in the back yard of her home at 5108 Macafee road, Seaside Heights. The City Council Tuesday night rushed plans for the tract to relieve residents plagued by cave-ins, back-ups, and seep-ups which have been reported by 82 homeowners in the area. (Herald photo).

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### R. Mayer Named in Lawsuit

Libel and slander actions for \$150,000 were filed in Superior Court yesterday by H. B. Bolas, a member of the Torrance Planning Commission, naming Randolph W. Mayer, brother of movie magnate Louis B. Mayer; William Zappas and Marie Louise (Alvis) Owens, publishers of the Peninsula Press, as defendants.

#### CLAIMS SLANDER

The action filed by Attorney John Binkley of the law firm of Gray, Binkley and Pfaeizer of Los Angeles, charges that Bolas was slandered by Mayer in a statement alleged to have been made by Mayer in regard to a new home tract he proposes to construct in Hollywood Riviera.

A separate action against the Southland Publishing Company, publishers of the Peninsula Press, claims that Bolas was libeled in an article published on or about June 8 and which was headed "Blocking Tactics Brings Inquiry."

The names of Zappas and Mrs. Owens are carried in the masthead of the Peninsula Press as the president and vice-president of Southland Publishing Company.

#### NAMES COMPTON FIRM

The Herald Publishing Company, publishers of the Compton Herald-American in Compton are named in the action as the printers of the Peninsula Press.

Binkley said that three sepa-

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### Civic Body Irked Over Reversal

The Torrance City Council was the target for needle-sharp, literary darts thrown their way this week by the recently organized Seaside-Riviera Civic Council.

In a stinging letter directed to the city fathers, the civic group charged the council with "flagrant flaunting of the expressed wishes of constituents without audience."

The letter was presented to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett by Councilman Harvey B. Spelman who asked the letter be read.

Spelman then asked that City Manager George W. Stevens formulate a plan to be presented to the council at the next agenda meeting which would eliminate the possibility of future occurrences.

Spelman and Councilman Willys G. Blount opposed the recent deviation granted Mayer who requested he be permitted to omit sidewalks in a proposed tract he is developing in Hollywood Riviera. Both Spelman and Blount stood pat against the both occasions when the matter was brought before the council.

Citing the recent Mayer caper as an example, the civic body wrote the council:

"This letter is intended as an indictment of the arbitrary man-

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### Ground Broken For New Market In Kettler Tract

Ground was broken Monday for a market, drug store and four smaller retail stores to be located at 235th street and Western avenue.

The \$65,000 structure, being built by Kettler-Wilsey, Inc., builders of 700 homes in the Kettler Knolls tract, is expected to be completed by mid-February.

According to John Kettler, one of the builders, leases for a barber shop, real estate office, cleaning and pressing shop, and a liquor store are presently under negotiation.

The building, occupying approximately 12,000 square feet, will extend from 234th street to 235th street on the west side of Western avenue. Ample parking space will be allowed, Kettler said.

Operators of the market, tentatively named the "Knolls Market," are currently operating the Bixby Knolls Market in Long Beach.

Style of architecture will harmonize with a service station located near the site and will be of contemporary, modern styling.

### New Lights In Uptown Retail Zone

It'll be a light Christmas in Torrance this year.

City crews were busy this week dismantling and dropping eight of the present street light standards in the downtown area to make way for replacement units which will be of the high-output mercury-vapor type lights.

Installation of the lights was made possible through the subscription of funds by property owners along El Prado and Sartori avenues. The project was a Chamber of Commerce undertaking and was chairmanned by George Bender.

The first eight poles will be erected at the intersection of Sartori avenue between Post and Marcelina avenues, and on El Prado between Crawfords and Sartori avenue. Eventually 18

standards 24-feet high will be erected.

Cost of the project was slightly in excess of \$5000.

The remaining poles will be erected by city crews when their work schedule permits.

### Halloween Damage Slight

As Halloween's go, the last one celebrated in Torrance was a comparatively mild one, according to veterans of the city's police force. We tried to find a typical case to point out as THE Halloween story, but just couldn't settle on the right one.

Here's the way the evening went—you can choose your own typical story:

6:50 p.m. Mrs. G. Called to say a suspicious man was around the cafe across from the Ball Park wearing dark clothing. Described as young, and in an old, dark car—possibly casing the place. Gone when Car 44 arrived.

6:50 p.m. Mr. W. of Hollywood Riviera Sport club called and said they were having a party there and that Boy Scouts would be directing traffic.

6:55 p.m. Mrs. L. of Kettler Knolls called saying some teenage boys were annoying small children, taking candy away.

7:38 p.m. Mrs. X. of Cravens apartments reported a large group of boys (approximately 18 in number) all in teens, came through the apartment house, damaged property and one of the boys kicked her.

7:56 p.m. Mr. T. reported a car driving around Kettler Knolls area throwing objects and creating a disturbance. Three cars dispatched.

7:58 p.m. Mr. R. reported a car similar to above on West 253rd street causing disturbance. Unable to locate.

8 p.m. Mr. R. again reports big kids taking things from little kids on West 235th street.

8:16 p.m. Mr. B. reported someone set fire to trash in alley

in rear of 1527 El Prado. States this has happened several times in past few months.

8:16 p.m. Car 45 called in and said they had occupants of hot rod that took candy from children in alley beside El Prado apartments. Car detailed to interview mother and child. Child can identify occupant. Car 45 brought hot-rodgers to apartments, child said they were not the ones—released.

8:49 p.m. Mrs. A. of West Carson said unknown parties threw something through front window, breaking same, requests check. Car dispatched, found two windows broken west side of house, stones thrown. Gone on arrival.

9:35 p.m. Mrs. W. requested bank escort with school carnival funds. Car dispatched.

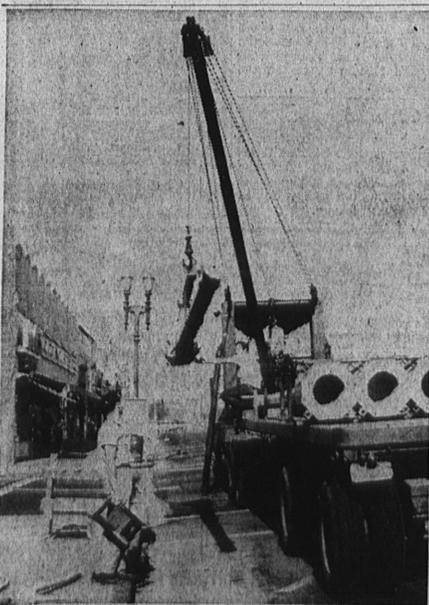
9:35 p.m. Mr. R. reported that several boys in a Ford attempted to steal his garden hose, cars notified.

9:47 p.m. CB said boys were tearing up mail boxes on Ward street. Gone when police car arrived.

9:52 p.m. Mrs. P. of Sierra place reported a car had just jumped a curb and the occupants ran away. Cars detailed—found that kids had pushed car over curb—owner will remove same.

10:34 p.m. Mrs. J.J. called and said about 16 boys in pickup truck were knocking down trees in Kettler Knolls area.

11:55 p.m. Mr. Z. called to say kids have piled boxes in intersection at Dominguez and Madrid and that a car had just struck them. Officers removed boxes from street.



**NEW LIGHTS . . .** Traffic was blocked on Sartori avenue last Saturday morning as city crews aided crane operators unloading new 24-foot marbleite street light standards which will incandescent lamps in the downtown shopping area. The high-output mercury vapor lamps were being set for the first time last night. (Herald photo).